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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Collection and Reporting of Crime Statistics.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☒ **DEDICATED**
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires law enforcement agencies to make uniform crime reports to the Indiana State Police (ISP) in a form and on a schedule to be established by the ISP. It requires the ISP to submit uniform crime report information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

Effective Date: July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Under current Indiana law, the State Police Department is required to act as the State central repository for criminal history data. In accordance with the provisions of this bill, the State Police would also be required to collect information for uniform crime reporting and to submit uniform crime report information to the FBI in the form and on the schedule established by the FBI. Specifically, the State Police would be required to do the following: 1) establish a format and system for each law enforcement agency to use; 2) annually report to the Indiana Legislative Services Agency the name of law enforcement agencies not in compliance; and 3) provide technical assistance to law enforcement agencies.

The bill would have potential increased costs for the Indiana State Police estimated at \$250,000 for the first year and \$100,000 thereafter. According to information from the FBI, a state program which reports statewide information to the FBI must demonstrate acceptable quality control procedures and provide field staff to audit and assist local units of government. Cost estimates include two personnel equivalents and equipment upgrades to initialize data collection methods and statistical packages to evaluate the quality of data received. After a program is initialized, it is estimated that the program can be maintained with one analyst and clerical support.

The funds and resources required above could be supplied through a variety of sources, including the following: 1) existing staff and resources not currently being used to capacity; 2) existing staff and resources currently being used in another program; and 3) authorized, but vacant, staff positions, including those positions that would need to be reclassified. Other sources to fund additional staff could originate from funds that otherwise would be reverted or from new appropriations. As of December 26, 2001, the State Police had

207 vacant and budgeted positions with annual salaries totaling approximately \$5.1 M for the vacant positions. The funds affected are the State General Fund, the Motor Vehicle Highway Account, and the Motor Carrier Regulation Fund, all of which support the State Police.

Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill would depend upon legislative and administrative actions.

Background: The FBI tracks crime statistics with information from local, county, and state government regarding eight crimes that represent violent, nonviolent, and property crime. The primary objective of the program is to provide reliable criminal statistics for use in law enforcement administration, operation, and management. The eight crimes (arson was added in 1979 by act of Congress) are referred to as index crimes, because the FBI calculates the number of crimes per 100,000 citizens and uses these rates to make comparisons with prior periods. The FBI provides support to local units, as long as the state government has not established a state program. According to FBI, there are currently 47 states with Uniform Crime Reporting Programs. The three states without reporting programs are Indiana, Mississippi, and New Mexico.

Reporting uniform crime information to the FBI is voluntary and certain local Indiana law enforcement agencies may submit crime reports directly to the FBI. The Law Enforcement Training Board reports that currently there are 449 city and town police departments, 92 county sheriff departments, seven state departments, 15 university departments, two school police forces, four railroad departments, four airport departments, and three other departments in the state of Indiana for a total of 576 departments.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Law enforcement agencies could experience an increase in administrative expenses regarding the provisions of this bill. However, since law enforcement agencies may already submit crime reports to the FBI, it is not likely that expenses would be significant. The specific effects would vary by agency and would depend upon the sophistication of each agency's personnel and equipment.

Under the bill, the State Police would be allowed to exempt one or more law enforcement agencies from compliance based on whether the law enforcement agency has adequate procedures, personnel, and equipment in place to comply with this bill, or whether the law enforcement agency has received adequate training.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: State Police.

Local Agencies Affected: Law Enforcement Agencies.

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